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CHARLESTON, IL--Ricky Robinson (Montgomery-Aurora East) is a starting forward for the Eastern Illinois University basketball team.

Robinson, a 6-6 junior, is the only player to start in each of the Panthers' 13 games. The leading scorer and rebounder on the team, Robinson is averaging 18 points and 6.8 rebounds per game. He has scored in double figures in every contest.

Robinson's top games have been a 24 point/15 rebound night and a 27 point/13 rebound night in consecutive December wins over Ferris State and St. Joseph's.

"We knew Ricky had a lot of talent, and he has displayed that talent through the first part of the season," said first year coach Rick Samuels.

"Ricky has scored more consistently of late . . . he seems to have much better control of his shot and is taking a higher percentage shot.

"Now that we're home for the majority of our games, I expect Ricky's average to stay close to the 20 point mark."

Eastern, 7-7, has 10 of its remaining 13 games at home with Mid-Continent Conference rival Youngstown State here Saturday (Jan. 24) night.